

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Commissioner



RE: Extension of low-income voucher deadlines in the Department of Agriculture's Animal Population Control Program

To APCP Participating Veterinarians:

In the fall of 2021, the Department of Agriculture temporarily paused the Animal Population Control Program to enact the changes required by Public Act 21-90.

Following reopening of the program in November, the Department was made aware of the increased difficulties voucher recipients were facing regarding scheduling spay/neuter appointments within the current 60-day timeline.

Due to an increased backlog during the COVID-19 pandemic and the delay in reopening the program, the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture is <u>extending the low-income voucher deadlines by an additional sixty (60) days</u>.

All low-income vouchers issued after 11/1/2021 will now be valid for 120 days. No additional paperwork is required by participating veterinarians at this time and vouchers redeemed within the 120-day deadline will be redeemed at the revised amounts pursuant to Public Act 21-90

This extension is valid for low-income voucher recipients only and is not applicable to municipal pound vouchers.

If you have any questions, please call 860-713-2507 or email agr.apcp@ct.gov.

We appreciate your cooperation and loyalty to the Animal Population Control Program.